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Date: April 15, 2024

To: Town of Palm Beach Building Department
Architectural Review Committee
360 S. County Road
Palm Beach, FL 33480

Re: Letter of Intent for ARCOM #24-0006/ Permit #B-24-02105

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter of behalf of Carousel Development & Restoration, Inc. ("Carousel") to serve as the Letter of Intent for the above referenced project, as requested by the Architectural Review Committee. The intent of the original restoration project was to repair deteriorated concrete, apply waterproofing, and other structurally related items to the exterior façade of the building. In accordance with the regulatory building code, the Association hired a Threshold Inspector/Engineer of Record ("Botkin Parssi & Associates") to direct and inspect the repairs.

Prior to the start of the restoration project on the penthouse balconies were two previously existing divider walls separating the penthouse units. The balcony slab for the penthouses is one continuous slab with adjacent units essentially being treated as one. In an effort to provide privacy, delineate usage and delineate "property lines", dividers were installed prior to Carousel's arrival on the property.

During the restoration project, it was noted by Botkin Parssi that the currently existing divider walls on the penthouse balconies (two walls in total) were not structurally sound nor up to the standards of the current code. To bring the divider walls up to code, Botkin Parssi drafted detailed drawings of replacement divider walls. As replacement of these walls was not originally included in the Botkin Parssi specifications (although concrete repairs were included in the original submission) Carousel submitted the drawings as a revision to the existing permit to the Town of Palm Beach Building Department for review in January of 2024. The review of these drawings have been pending with the Town for four months as a result of the ARCOM review, not as a result of the walls beyond noncompliant with code.

The previous divider walls and the new divider walls are situated in the same exact locations with the same exact footprint(s), measuring 1 foot wide at the base, 14 feet long (from unit's exterior door extending to the balcony rail, and 80" high (sitting under a currently existing canopy on one of the penthouses). The previous constructed dividers were made of concrete and stucco with slatted metal dividing walls separating the units and a concrete planter base. The current dividers consist of concrete block, stucco and painted to match the existing color of the building. These dividers face east which can most readily be seen from the east face of the building, which is adjacent to AIA and

does not have an existing building on the east side. To the north and south of the building the dividers can be seen slightly. The new dividers match the existing building whereas the previous ones consisted of different materials, with the previously dividers having been less visually appealing.

The Association, Carousel, and Botkin Parssi, understand the importance of complying with the building code requirements. We also understand the importance of ensuring that all building repairs, additions, alterations, design components etc. avoid the appearance of improper proportions, must be architecturally compatible, high-quality materials used, protect the neighbor's privacy, appropriate in relation to the established character of other structures, etc. Considering the dividers are the same footprint as a previously existing dividers, the color and materials now match the existing building, and lie completely within the boundaries of the balcony areas on the penthouses, Carousel and the Association believe we have complied with the requirements of Code Section 18-205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Bianchini', written in dark ink.

Alessandra Bianchini, Esq.
VP/General Counsel